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To Whom It May Concern:

Democratic National Committee (DNC) organized a fundraising event for '2016 White House Victory Fund' on 7th May, 2015 at Sentinel Hotel, Portland, Oregon. President Obama attended the event and the tickets priced were from US \$500 to 10,000. Interestingly, non-citizens attended the event and paid the price for the event. According to the FEC norms, foreign nationals are prohibited from contribute to election campaign. The law states:

The Federal Election Campaign Act (FECA) prohibits any foreign national from contributing, donating or spending funds in connection with any federal, state, or local election in the United States, either directly or indirectly. It is also unlawful to help foreign nationals violate that ban or to solicit, receive or accept contributions or donations from them. Persons who knowingly and willfully engage in these activities may be subject to fines and/or imprisonment.

Foreign politicians are using meetings with the US President for their political benefit and fund raisers are taking advantage of it. It is inappropriate on the part of political parties to accept funds for election campaign from foreign politicians in violation of the law.

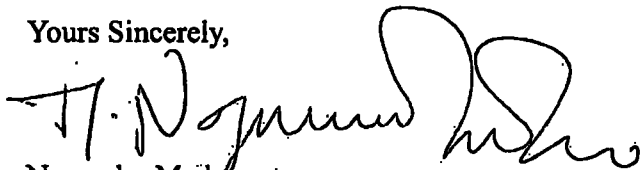
Mr. Nara Lokesh is a politician in India. His father, Mr. Chandrababu Naidu, leads regional political party called Telugu Desam Party (TDP) in Andhra Pradesh state and serving as Chief Minister of the state. Mr. Nara Lokesh is chief of TDP youth wing and actively involved in TDP activities. He attended DNC fund-raising event in Portland, Oregon. As per Indian newspaper reports he or someone has paid 10,000 for his entry to participate fundraising. Mr. Lokesh took picture with President Obama and used for his political benefit. Newspaper reports are attached for your information. Mr. Lokesh's political contribution violates following norms:

- He came in a foreign government delegation to attract investment from the US. He is part of foreign government and he is not supposed to attend political events.

- He is chief of TDP youth wing. Foreign political parties and foreign nationals are prohibited from participating in fundraising events in the US but he attended and extended financial support to election campaign of DNC by contributing to '2016 White House Victory Fund'.

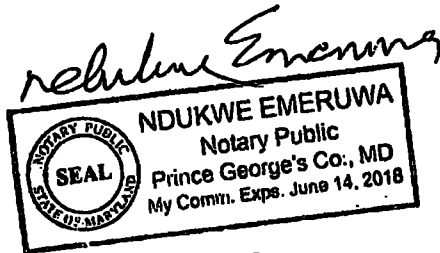
I am a registered Democrat in Maryland but I am not happy about involving foreign nationals for raising funds by DNC. I request FEC to take necessary action to prevent channeling of foreign funds to election campaign.

Yours Sincerely,


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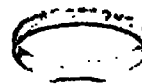
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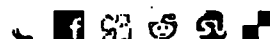


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SLIDES: Party Report: President Obama In Portland at Sentinel Hotel

Saturday, May 09, 2015

Byron Beck, GoLocalPDX Features Editor



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A reception was held on Thursday, May 7, at the Sentinel Hotel for President Barack Obama.

The Democratic National Committee hosted the early evening reception for President Obama in support the 2016 White House Victory Fund.



President Barack Obama at Sentinel Hotel on May 7 Photo by Byron Beck

Attendees gathered outside the Sentinel Hotel around 4:30 pm with the President's arrival on stage closer to 7 pm.

Prior to his speaking President met with local Democratic fundraisers as well as posed for photos.

See slideshow of President Barack Obama's visit to Portland below:

Introductory remarks were made by Rep. Suzanne Bonamici and Rep. Earl Blumenauer who, in a statement about the President's presence in Portland, said: "I am pleased the President is coming to visit as we are entering into perhaps the final stages of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) negotiations. Trade is critically important to Oregon. We want to make sure the TPP advances Oregon interests and Oregon values, and this visit is an important opportunity to highlight both as we seek the strongest possible agreement."

Then the President spoke about his love of Oregon, job creation and that the "most important job in a Democracy is not that of president...but that of citizen." He concluded his remarks with brief handshakes along the rope line.

Although several hotels were said to be booked for his overnight stay, Pres. Obama stayed at the Hotel Monaco and departed for Beaverton and the Nike campus around 9 am on Friday, May 8.

Attendees at the May 7th reception included Tin House's Win McCormack, Morel Ink's Scott Ballo, Equity Foundation's Karol Collymore, developer Robert Ball, GoLocalPDX contributor Roy Jay and members of both Governor Kate Brown and Rep. Blumenauer's offices.

Interesting to note: there was an Alpaca therapy llama in the lobby prior to the reception (he was appearing at another function at the hotel) that leading to social media hashtags including #obamallama and #llamaandobama.



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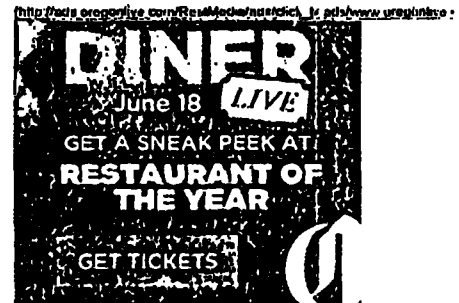
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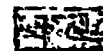
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President Barack Obama will stop in Portland on Thursday, May 7, for an evening fundraiser downtown hosted by the Democratic National Committee.

The event will be held at the Sentinel Hotel, with tickets priced from \$500 to \$10,000, according to Andrew Gorry, a spokesman for the Oregon Democratic Party. Proceeds will go to a campaign committee -- called the 2016 White House Victory Fund -- that has been set up by the DNC.

UPDATE: An invitation to the event says \$500 buys a ticket to the president's remarks. For \$5,000, the donor can have a photo taken with

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Obama. For \$10,000, a donor also gets to attend a small "meet and greet" with the president before the reception. Donors can also pay \$33,400 and get their name on the invitation as a co-chair.

The White House did not respond immediately to a request for comment. There was no announcement about what other events the president might do on his Portland visit.

Obama was last in the state

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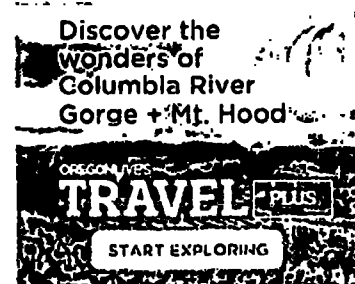
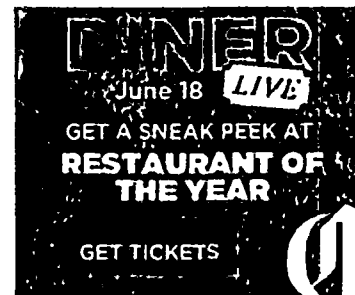
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Lokesh's meeting with Obama raises eyebrows

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TDP Workers Welfare Fund coordinator Nara Lokesh with US President Barack Obama at Portland.

Nara Lokesh, coordinator of Telugu Desam Party Workers' Welfare Fund and son of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, met United States President Barack Obama at Portland in US on Friday, raising eyebrows in the political circles here.

Mr. Lokesh is on a tour of the US seeking support from Non-Resident Telugus in attracting investments to Andhra Pradesh and in improving basic amenities in villages.

During his meeting after a warm handshake, Mr. Lokesh briefed Mr. Obama about smart cities and smart villages project, new industrial policy and various development programmes being implemented by the Telugu Desam government in the State, according to a note released by the TDP office here.

Mr. Obama is believed to have told Mr. Lokesh that he heard a lot about his father, Mr. Chandrababu Naidu and asked him to convey his best wishes.

Mr. Lokesh might have pulled off a coup by managing to meet Mr. Obama for six minutes, purportedly using his Stanford University batch mates' highly influential connections but it has invited criticism from various quarters. Some of them have wondered in what capacity he had got the appointment when he was merely a party functionary, not holding any government position. Others felt it was not a proper meeting but a Democratic Party's fundraising dinner suggesting that some NRI could have paid for it.

But a TDP leader who did not want to be quoted rubbished the charge and said when Mr. Obama cannot run for the third term how he would attend a fundraising dinner. As for the appointment, he said it was for Mr. Obama and his office to decide whom he should and should not meet.

On the presence of State government officials during his tour, he said Mr. Lokesh would be merely present while the officials would sign the possible MoUs with investors expected during the next few days.



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Nara Lokesh meets President Obama

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Visiting US to search out ventures for the Smart Villages and Smart cities, Telugu Desam leader and AP Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu's son Nara Lokesh in a unique arrangement met US President Barack Obama.

Offering this news on Twitter, Nara Lokesh said that he disclosed to the President Obama with respect to the Smart City activities being created in AP and sought after him to put resources into the state. He likewise included that Barack Obama applauded the AP Chief Minister for his work.

As per the bits of gossip, Nara Lokesh had supposedly paid 10000\$ to join the US president as one of the member for the Dinner.



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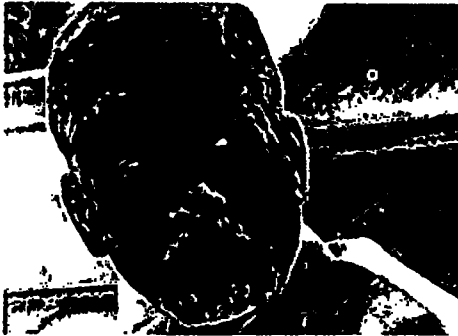
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Hyderabad: It's rare for Telugu Desam Party supremo N Chandrababu Naidu and his media bandwagon to be caught on the wrong foot. The effort by both to build a larger-than-life image for the chief minister's son Nara Lokesh, currently coordinator of programme implementation in the TDP, especially during his ongoing visit to the United States of America, has apparently left them with some egg on the face.

The news of his 'Obama meet' indeed turned out to be an embarrassing moment for the 'TDP' and whittled down the PR exercise around the visit of the



(http://sq.firstpost.in/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/Chandrababu-naidu-Andhra-Pradesh-Chief-minister-1-Chandrababu-naidu-ibnlive.jpg)

TDP scion. What made critics smell a rat in the much-touted Lokesh-Obama meeting? The overzealous media mandarins of the party within and outside are to blame. For, Lokesh has no *locus standi* or an official position in the government.

The otherwise well-choreographed publicity blitzkrieg suddenly appeared to have fallen flat on the face of the party managers. How?

Lokesh himself announced to the media that he would be meeting US President Barack Obama on 7 May, as he has got an "appointment".

Much before that, the TDP made opaque the details of the "so-called appointment" and managed to spread the news that Lokesh will be meeting the US President, apart from addressing and interacting with several industrialists to solicit investments for the state of Andhra Pradesh.

One Ramachandra Reddy, who lives in the US, posted on Facebook his doubts about the meeting of Lokesh with Obama, triggering the debate over the much-banded "Presidential appointment" which is very difficult.

Though so much of negativity around the meet with the US President was not portended initially, the mouthpiece of YSR Congress, *Sakshi* newspaper picked up the social media post and began carping about it. Although Lokesh's visit per se hasn't been controversial, the allied issues surrounding the tour have been.

Andhra Jyothy, a newspaper believed to be close to the TDP, too questioned the *raison d'être* behind Lokesh's deputation to usher in investments to the state through a weekly political commentary penned by its managing director. **Sakshi** slammed Lokesh and published a photograph of the invite by the Democratic National Committee for the evening reception with "special guest President Barack Obama" for a White House Victory Fund on 7 May at 5 pm at Sentinel Hotel, 614 Southwest Avenue, Portland, Oregon.

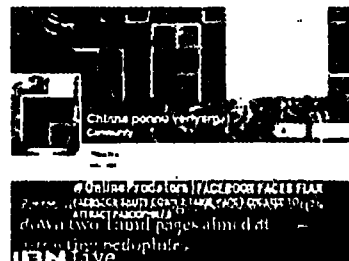
The fundraiser programme has different plans akin to silver, gold and platinum. If a person pays \$500, he will be allowed to enter the hall and listen to the address by the President, while those paying \$5,000 each get a photo op with the president. Those in the 'deluxe circle' paying \$10,000 would get to "meet and greet" Obama for a while, maybe a couple of minutes, too.

Incidentally, Andhra Pradesh government sponsored the "official visit" of S Abhueshta, an officer on special duty to the chief minister (this is a political appointment by the choice of the chief minister) and an IAS officer Kartikeya Mishra. The OSD per se is not an employee of the state government.

Though technically, the state-sponsored visit of the government representatives has "nothing to do officially" with the trip of Lokesh, they all moved together 'coincidentally' and the photographs in which they posed together were also published in the media.

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May 05: The much talked mooted of Nara Lokesh, son of Chandrababu Naidu with US President Barack Obama has not only raised questions but also made tech savvy social media activists to swing into action and probe into the issue.

Lokesh would meet Obama as part of his efforts to invite industries to Andhra Pradesh, was how the US President would have given an appointment to a private citizen like Lokesh.

Shockingly according it was found by some social media activists that Lokesh is scheduled to meet Obama on May 7 on that day where he will be at the Democratic Party's Fundraising dinner.

This event would be held at Sentinel Hotel in Portland. Anyone who wants to meet him needs to buy a ticket to attend the fundraiser. A \$500 ticket gives you entry into the dinner, a \$5,000 ticket gets you a photo with President Barack Obama and a \$10,000 ticket will give an opportunity to attend a small 'meet and greet' with the President.

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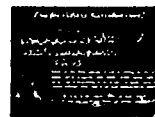


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